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HUNTINGTON ANGLERS' CLUB

On the last weekend in October, The Huntington Anglers' Club held a bass derby attended by 22 members and their friends. Though many school bass were caught, only one cow was weighed in. Winner was Bill Collins with a bass of 32-8 caught in the surf off Cedar each on a live eel. Dan Marro, Joe McMenomen, Harry Maura and Dick Hoffman had 22 schoolies, but didn't think they were big enough to weigh-in.

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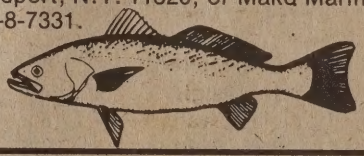

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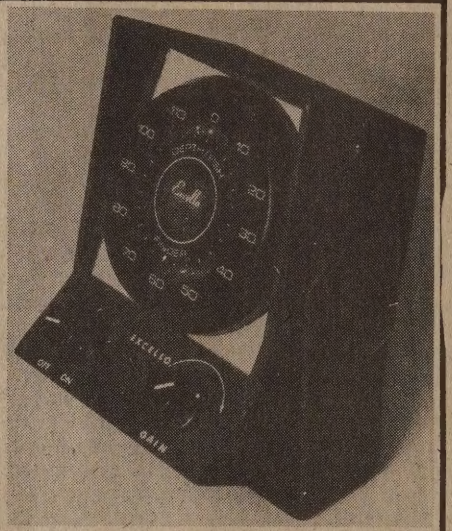

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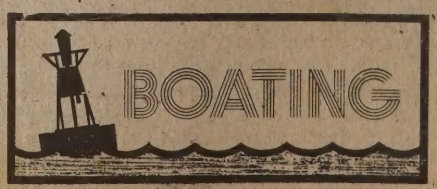
BABYLON TUNA CLUB KISMET REEF DAY

On Saturday, November 9, at 8 a.m. BTC will have a large barge and tug-boat (Randy Rombach from Amityville, N.Y.) at the East side of the Babylon Village Dock for the purpose of loading up the concreted tires behind Dick Poucel's house. The plan is an follows:

BTC needs as many Babylon Tuna Club Members and other interested conservationists as possible to be present at Dick Poucel's house (across from Augie's Bait & Tackle on Fire Island Ave. in Babylon) to help load the tires onto trucks which will take tires to the barge at the Village dock. They should be able to load the 500 to 700 concreted tires onto the barge between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. In order to accomplish this feat volunteers are needed—as many as possible—to load and transport these tires to the barge. **It is imperative that all Babylon Tuna Club Members show up for loading the barge.**

Between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. the tire-filled barge will be towed to Kismet Experimental Reef where tires will be deposited under the supervision of Dr. Chester Zawecki of NYSDEC. BTC should commence dumping these tires at approximately 1 p.m. and the actual depositing of the tires shouldn't take more than 1 hour.

Refreshments will be served for these positive conservationists.



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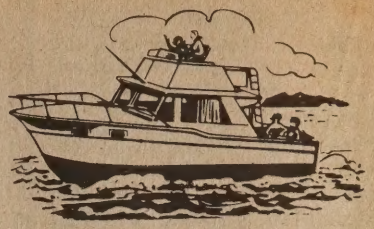

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Chum Lines

WHO GOOFED?

I know that many of the articles you print are dependent on the trust that material if fact, and not fiction or imagination. What I am saying is that on Tuesday night, 9-17-74, 7:05 p.m., I did some surfcasting down at Long Beach (Neptune Blvd.) only to find out that the weaks, stripers and blues were not hitting; I was there and I know. I can tell you now that you have without any doubt, w.either been lied to or your date (9-17-74) is an error. I refer to your 10-10-74 Chum Lines.

I also feel you should add to your list of bait and tackle shops in Long Beach. The one that is, in my opinion, the best-stocked, is "Master Sports". I also happens to be the closest one to Neptune Blvd., where J.A. allegedly caught those fish on 9-17-74. Please fix this disaster and print in Chum Lines. **Jason Colby, Long Beach**

I doubt very much, though I don't know the man, that J.A. knowingly misinformed us. What purpose would that serve? Obviously, something in the story is missing; either, as you say, the date is incorrect, or one of you caught fish and the other didn't, or you missed each other; probably something that could be easily and quickly explained if we all knew all the facts, which seems not to be the case.

The Fisherman staff prints news, articles, letters—various items of interest, but we do not create it. When we discover that we have been deliberately lied to, that source is considered no longer reliable. We then go elsewhere for information.

GROUNDING BOAT CAN BE SERIOUS

Tom Franza's firvolous article in a recent issue leaves the impression that when one's boat has run aground the important thing is to be jolly and serve drinks while awaiting succor.

To me it is a very serious situation. I ran aground last year—in a fog—at 7 p.m.—one hour after highwater. My passengers were husband and wife and 3 children under 14.

The moment I grounded I knew that it was now or nearly 12 hours from now. I sent them all to the bow of the boat, took my 8-foot boat hook (which I always have aboard) dug it into the bottom, and pressed down with all my weight and all my might—with the engine turning slowly in reverse. Slow and steady we slid off the bar—it was all a matter of minutes.

Tell Tom grounding is too serious a matter to discuss lightly. **Jacob Wortsmann, Long Beach.**

True, grounding a boat can be serious, but Tom's article was intended to be somewhat facetious, and we don't believe anyone took offense at that approach.

I was fishing along the banks near one of Jones Beach's famous causeway bridges one dark night many years ago (gad, how many!). Along came an outboard-powered boat with four or five yelling, foul-mouthed characters, who were searching for the channel marker post at full speed.

They found the post, but neglected to pay attention to the arrow pointing toward deeper water. Naturally, they continues full-tilt past the wrong side of the post.

It wasn't shallow water that they ran into, it was the marsh bank! The boat—all twenty or so feet of it—leaped over the bank and settled, two feet above water, right in the mud. About 20 seconds later, one of the men had the sense to turn off the motor. I was so hysterical with laughter. I almost fell into the water and onto some bass I had been stalking.

Perhaps your editor feeds a warped sense of humor, but I thought then(as a kid)—and still do now—the entire scene was funny as Hell! Almost twenty years later, as I write this, tears of laughter are coming to my eyes as I recall that night.

The answer is, of course, when you are in strange water, or operating under conditions of limited visibility, you must operate your boat slowly enough so that you don't end up high and dry or low and wet (sunk). Extreme caution is dictated, and, as Mr. Wortsmann indicated, its a good idea to stow away a boat hook or oar that can be used in an emergency. And, if your boat goes down instead of up in a collision, you'd Damn-well better have the proper flotation gear for every person aboard.

ANOTHER GOOD CAPTAIN

I am writting to inform you of a recent bluefish charter some friends and myself went on with Capt. Mike Fay of the "Empire" out of Freeport. It was on Sunday, July 14, 1974, and it was a great day. The fish averaged from 8 to 12 lbs. and the pool fish went 14 lbs. for Paul Maggio & second

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THE BOTTOM LINE

with Matt Ahern

Tips That Catch Flounders

Every experienced bottom fisherman has encountered those days when flounders seem eager to bite at everything but the anchor. Quickly forgotten are the lean days as the fisherman concentrates on hooking fish after fish with clock-like precision. It's a gladsome experience and he angler rightly takes advantage of his bonanza, knowing full-well that by tomorrow, or next weekend, he may not have it so good.

But what of the occasional fisherman? Or the beginner? Should he chance upon such a fruitful day, he will ask himself: what is so difficult about catching flounders? What's all his stuff about hooks, riggings, and proper baits? Why—all you need to do is hit bottom, wait a few seconds and feel in your fish! Easy as A B C.

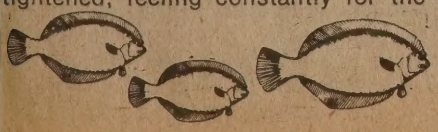
Where this fisherman errs is in not knowing that all flounder trips are not so productive. The experienced fisherman, having been through this many times before, is not fooled by this whim of nature. Should the fish fail to cooperate as expected, he is fully prepared to pit knowledge and skill against his quarry.

What, then can an inexperienced fisherman do when the fish become finicky, refusing to touch bait they went wild over a few days ago? What does he do then?

First, he should acknowledge the fact that flounders can be frustrating to all fishermen. The experienced fisherman expects this—and is ready when it happens. Here are a few tips that may possible turn that slow day into one of joy.

As a moving bait is more attractive to flounders, especially when the current is slow-moving, jigging will often reward the fisherman handsomely for his efforts. This should be done with a light wrist action which will cause the sinker to send off puffs of mud or sand. Being extremely curious, flounders will immediately seek out the reason for the commotion.

Sometimes all that is necessary is to jig a half-dozen times, and then allow the bait to lie quietly for several seconds. The line is then slowly tightened, feeling constantly for the fish. The instant the weight of a fish is felt, the hook is set with a short, smart lift of the rod tip. It's important not to snap the rod upward with a fierce yank, as this is apt to cause a missed fish.



I have had so much success with this method, I made a "bottom bouncer". This was constructed from a two-inch lead pipe, fourteen inches long. One end was crimped shut by pounding with a hammer, then three inches of molten lead was poured in and allowed to cool.

Next, a half-inch hole was drilled one inch below the open end and an appropriate size shackle was used for attaching a forty foot length of quarter-inch nylon rope. I keep this extra length because many times flounders go deep; especially if the water carries some of winter's chill.

This is hung overboard every time I fish for flounders from a skiff. Should the fishing slow down, I bounce it a few times and the action picks right up. For flounder, I believe something like this is as necessary as bait and I wouldn't be without it.

Some fishermen use a sash weight and this, too, works fine. Its one drawback is the rapid accumulation of rust, which, for one thing, can create quite a problem if carelessly allowed to come into contact with your other tackle. One made of lead will not only give a lifetime of service, but is guaranteeed to help put extra fish in your bucket.

I don't know who the fisherman is who first used food dye for coloring clam bait, but I doff my fishing cap to him. This fellow just has to be a good fisherman. Quite often the use of red or yellow dyed clams makes all the difference between plenty of action and a slow pick.

As to which color is best, my choice leans to red. Many fishermen swear by yellow and I suppose it's all in what works best for them, but you won't go wrong by using red.

Most information on dyeing clams says to place them in a container with sufficient water to cover, then a small amount of dye is added. This mixture is stirred and allowed to soak overnight. I don't think this method gives a dark enough color to the bait. I also find that if the bait is used any length of time without continuously rebaiting, salt water bleaches it somewhat. I have had more success by first cutting bait to the size I want—narrow, inch and a half pieces—then placing in the container without water and adding a few drops of dye at a time, stirring with a stick as I go along. A bright red hue is best. When this is allowed to refrigerate overnight, it will become darker and be just the shade desired. I also find the dye seems to act as a preservative, and bait so treated will keep over a week with normal refrigeration.

You'll find an old pair of cheap cotton gloves ideal for this work. Incidentally, make sure you use plenty of old newspaper to catch the drippings and splashings you're bound to make. You can bet you know who isn't going to like it if you're sloppy, and we poor fishermen are in the doghouse enough as it is.

Sometimes flounders will accept a combination bait consisting of a slice of soft clam tipped with a small piece of sand or bloodworm. Why this should work when these same baits used singly may be refused, I don't know. But it does work occasionally, and it's something to keep in mind and used as a last resort. Always remember: flounders feed sometimes during the day, even on a slow one; if you can get them stirring around by bottom-bouncing, the chances are good they'll take a combination bait.

When skiff fishing, it's wise to use a short anchor line. What you don't want to do is swing too much—especially if you're chumming. If it's possible, use a stern anchor, also. Be sure to allow enough scope so that the anchor isn't lifted off bottom by wind or tide. Some fishermen take the precaution of putting over a small buoy near the anchor. Then, should the boat drift off, there's no problem returning to the original spot.

Never hesitate to experiment. Just because your idea of a better way to catch fish may seem silly to others, pay no attention; just go ahead and try it out. The worst that can happen is that it won't work; but then, what if it does? I'm sure that fellow who first dyed his clams had his doubts—but that didn't stop him. The science of fishing is one that lends itself to much experimentation.

Do your share of it and catch fish!

Surf Side

with Doc Muller

Plug-Pourri II

This week we will look at a few more of the seemingly endless variety of ways in which surfmen get more out of their plugs.

One of these helps to solve the problem of what to do with poppers after the sun sets. Of course the standard doctrine is: Popping plugs during the daylight and swimmers at night! The doctrine is probably pretty sound, too, if one assumes that the only way to fish a popping plug is to pop it! One of the best surfmen I know recently told me that, if he had a choice of only one plug to use for all occasions, it would be one of his homemade popping plugs. The reasons for his success cab be summarized in two words. The words are "swim" and "splash"!

If the quarry is striped bass, he swims the plug along at a steady speed. He can change the depth at which the plug swims simply by varying the speed of his retreive. Few will experiment with plugs of different weights and with various retreives until the plug works on the level of the fish. It is only fair to mention that this guy swims out to distant rocks and may be casting into as much as twenty to twenty-five feet of water.

The technique is modified somewhat for bluefish. He swims the plug just under the surface, then from time to time he will lift the rod tip from approximately the nine o'clock position to the twelve o'clock position. The lift is not too quick or jerky. The motion is just fast enough to pull the plug to the surface so that it splashes gently, but does not pop!

I have tried both techniques and have had some luck splashing for bluefish, none at all swimming for bass.

Still another frequently used trick changes the action of the plug. Many surf fishermen believe that the hooks that come with plugs straight out of the box are too small. They argue that the smaller hooks make the plugs wiggle too much. So they go up one size.

The following are a few examples: The number 2/0 hooks are removed from three ounce darters and 3/0 are used to replace them. In addition, these anglers replace the rear treble hook with a single salmon or straight bend hook. The hooks on smaller plugs can also be changed effectively. If you replace the standard hooks on a 7/8 ounce Atom swimmer with number 2 treble hooks, the plug rolls a little bit with the heavier hooks and the bass love it.

The hooks on the smaller plugs can be removed with pliers or wire cutters, while hack saws may be needed for the larger hooks. Sometimes the factory hooks are open eye and can be removed easily, but most often they are closed. Purchase some open eye treble hooks in a variety of sizes as replacements.

Have you ever discovered that you're in the rear of a school of feeding fish, but the fish are a good cast off the beach? Things become worse when you realize that you have neglected to bring along any big weighted plugs. No matter how hard you try, you are just a little short of the school.

Many modern plugs are really hollow plastic, and the manufacturer uses that air space to make the plug float. If you have an icepick handy, or a large (i.e. 6/0) hook, you can usually pierce the plastic and make a hole. By rotating the tool you can gradually make the hole large enough so that water will fill the interior. The whole process takes about three to five minutes. Now the plug has picked up a little added weight which is usually enough to reach the fish.

The plug can be emptied and resealed later with a hot knife blade.

The swimming lips of many plugs can also be adjusted to change the action of a plug. You have to be careful with this one because if you don't know what you're doing, you'll ruin the plug. I guess most guys pick-up on this trick after they have had a plug banged up by a big fish. Plugs with plastic lips are destroyed, but those with the metal lips sometimes are altered in just the right way.

There is something about the action of these plugs which is superior to those plugs fished right out of the box. Some fishermen have made a study of the relationships and will be able to detect those individual plugs which will be more effective than the rest of the group. The preference for action seems to vary with the individual and the plug. For example, I prefer Atom plugs to roll a little while they swim, and those that do are immediately singled out for special service.

A well-known Montauk fishermen is reported to buy his plugs by the gross and then test each one prior to fishing with them. It is said that he rejects almost half for reasons that he knows best, and gives away the unwanted specimens. Apparently he became so disgusted that he switched to a locally produced product that may be made to certain of his specifications.

It's amusing how attached some fisherman become to some plug designs and how they become legends using them in Long Island waters.

Last but not least in this little tour of surf plug oddities is the dropper. Traditionally the dropper is a leadhead bucktail that is either dragged behind a dummy plug (no hooks), or is attached about eighteen inches in front of a well-armed plug. The idea, of course, is that very often the game fish are chasing small bait and big plugs do not interest them. In addition, a bucktail may become lost in the crowd and be equally ineffective.

The plug and bucktail combination, however, may disturb the gamefish because they think that a member of the school is bearing down on the prey, and so the bass or blue is psyched into hitting the bucktail.

I have found that the leadhead bucktail is often cumbersome because it frequently becomes tangled with the main leader. Try this variation. Tie some bucktail hair onto the shaft of a number 1 or 2 hook. In the middle of the hair sneak in a little sliver of mylar. Tie the combo with black thread and the result is a streamer that looks like a shiner or sand eel. Tie the dropper in the standard manner by securing it to the main leader eighteen inches in front of the plug by means of a six-inch piece of 40 to 60 pound test monofilament. The heavy line will cause the streamer to stick out away from the main leader and usually to the side.

The combination looks like a fish chasing a small baitfish right under the surface of the water. Since the streamer sticks out to the side, and because the plug is swimming, the dropper appears to dart ahead and from side to side. It's a goody, so give it a try during next summer's doldrums, or this fall, when the sand eels are tight against the beach.

Coney Island Bass

by Joseph Augieri, Jr.

If you live in Brooklyn and you love light tackle striper fishing, look no further than Coney Island. "Yeah," you say, "Like fishing in a sewer." You would be surprised how clean the water is. From March through June, fish sandworms on the pier or the rocks. Forget July and August. But from September First to the beginning of December it's great!

At the west end you have Norton's Point and Seagate. This is private property, so if you sneak in don't get caught. Heading east, there are about a dozen jetties before you get to the pier. Fish them, get to know them.

The first three jetties east of the pier are constant producers. Work your way east till you run out of beach. The last three jetties are good spots, especially if you're just learning to hop rocks.

Next is a long stretch of rocky shore, a very good spot on very rough days (SE, S, SW winds). After that comes Manhatten beach, best at high tide from shore with tin or poppers. Fish the jetty at night; good spot.

The last place is Kingsborough College. This is one hell of a spot, if you don't mind being chased out by guard dogs. Fish any tide during the day with poppers on the little beach, high tide at night with Rebels. it will take a while to learn Coney, but when you do, it's well worth it.

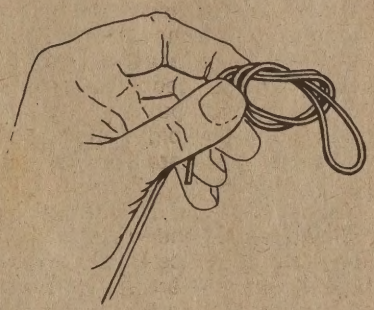
Now for the tackle: Rods; 6-to-7 footers, light spin sticks. if you want to go ultra-light, it's okay. Reels; any good strong spinning reel, like a Penn 722 or Mitchel 300. Whatever, it must have a good drag. Line; any good thin, limp mono like Stren, Newton, etc. in 8 lb. test will handle all comers. But bloodknot two feet of 12-15 lb. test as a leader; very important.

Lures: During daylight hours use poppers—½-1 oz. Creek Chubs, Atoms and Rebels. Chrome finish is the best. The No. 2 Hopkins with white bucktail is a real killer on rough white water days. Bucktails, ¼-¾ oz.—any kind, any color. At night use swimmers—Rebels, Redfins, Hellcats; all work well. Lengths should be 4½ and 5½ inches, sinkers and floaters. Match the color to the bait in the water. Remember to reel slowly at night.

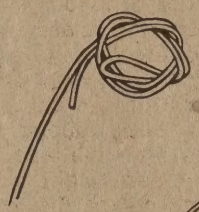
Some last tips: No tackle boxes; use a shoulder or belt bag. Carry a good sharp gaff. No sneakers unless you want to go swimming; wear leather work boots. And DON'T fish alone. Good Luck.

Tip of the Week

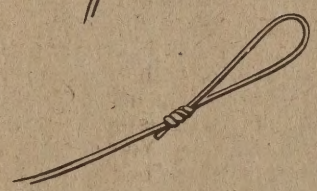
The Surgeon's end loop knot is easy to tie and, when done properly, maintains 95 to 100 percent of the basic line strength. One advantage of this knot is that the size of the loop can be determined by the amount of line doubled before the knot is tied, thus serving as a small loop in a leader end or a long loop functioning as a shock leader at the end of the line. Courtesy of DuPont Company.



STEP 1. Double end of line and tie loose overhand knot in the double line.



STEP 2. Take the loop end back through the small loop formed by the overhand knot a second time.



STEP 3. Hold tag end and standing part of line in one hand and pull loop end with other hand to tighten knot. Snip off tag end about an eighth-inch from knot.

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Surf Fishing in North Carolina

by Vlad Evanoff

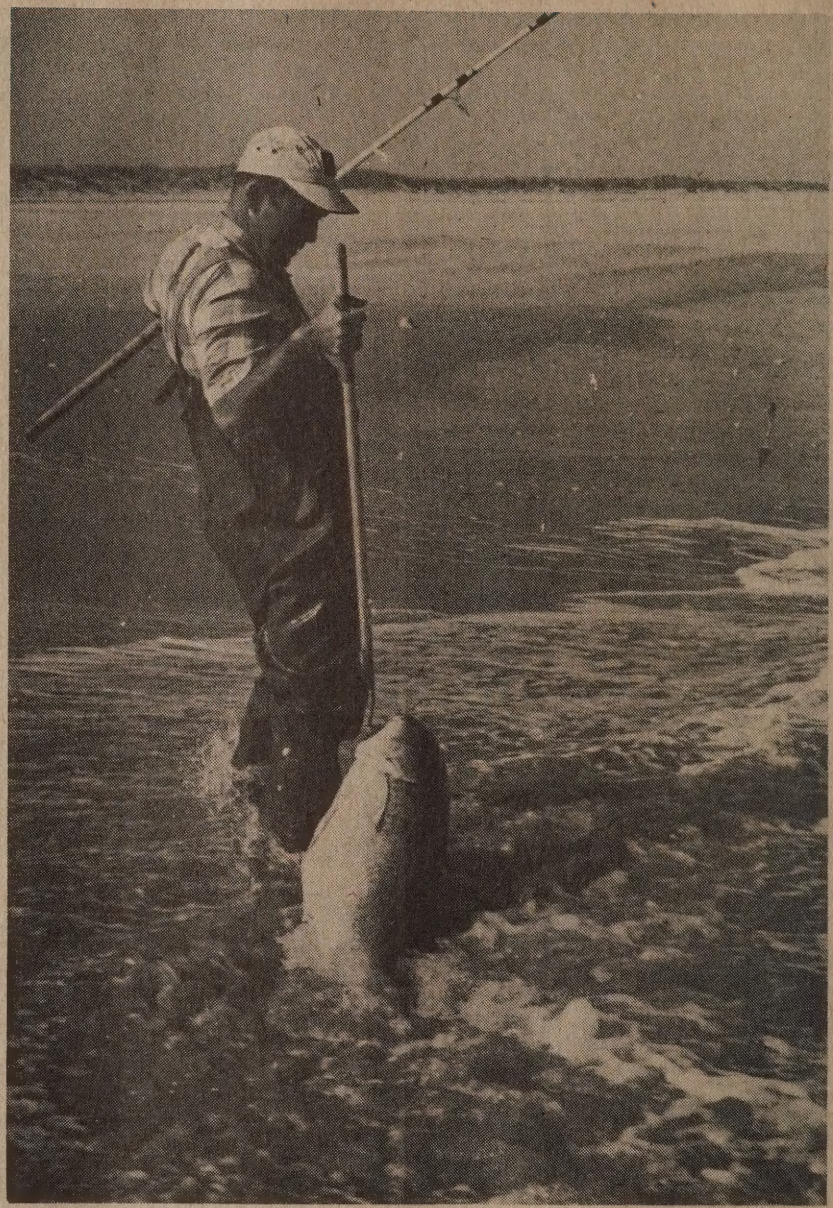
More and more surf anglers from this area are heading for North Carolina in the late fall and early winter, when fishing from the beaches slows down or stops. They have discovered that you can often have good surf fishing in November, December and—during mild winters—even in January and February.

Of course, like most surf fishing trips a lot depends on luck and the weather. If you hit a northeast storm or a cold front you'll spend most of your time in a motel rather than fishing. But if the surf conditions are right and the weather is mild you can often have red hot fishing.

Channel bass, for example, often run well during November and into early December. Some of the biggest channel bass are caught along the Outher Banks during this late fall run. Like that monster 90 pound channel bass caught last year by Elvin Hooper from a pier at Rodanthe, North Carolina on November 7. Others in the 60 or 70 pound class have been caught during November from the surf.

While channel bass are apt to show antwhere along the Outer Banks in North Carolina, your best bet will be along the stretch starting in the north at Kitty Hawk to Nag's Head and Oregon Inlet. Then, after crossing Oregon Inlet to Hatteras Island, you can fish at Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Avon, Cape Hatteras and at Hatteras Inlet. If you cross this inlet by ferry to Ocracoke Island you can fish most of the beach here with North Point and South Point being two good spots.

A beach buggy is a great help in reaching some of the better spots more easily. If you don't bring your own buggy you can usually rent one from some of the gas stations. But, since the highway runs close to the beach, you can walk to many of the spots if you find a parking space off the road.



Channel bass run during November, and frequently run to heroic proportions.

If this is your first trip for channel bass don't make the mistake of bringing light or even medium weight surf rods for these fish. Instead, bring your heaviest and longest surf rods, either spinning or conventional. Most of the fishing is done with bait, and if the surf is rough you may need up to 4 or 5 ounces of lead to hold bottom.

The most popular bait for channel bass is mullet, either fresh or frozen, which can usually be bought from the local tackle stores. Channel bass will also take other kinds of fish such as bunker, as well as squid and crabs. If the baitfish are small you can put a whole one on the hook. If they are big, cut them into steaks or fillets.

Channel bass will also hit metal squid or a Hopkins lure at times, but such fishing is rarely done blind for them. It is best if you see schools of channel bass within casting distance, or see them breaking and chasing bunker or other baitfish.

When bass are in and hitting it is no problem to locate them—or the best areas to fish; you'll see the anglers lined up. You can also look for schools of channel bass swimming offshore, or even see individual fish if the water is clear and flat.

However, most of the time channel bass do not reveal themselves, and then you have to look for the deeper sloughs, holes, cuts or breaks in the

outer bar and similar spots where the red drum like to feed. The best tide will depend on the beach you are fishing; in some places high water or the outgoing tide is best, while at others low water and the incoming tide will produce. Usually early morning or evening fishing is best and moonlit nights can also be fished. A big storm or blow will often kill fishing the surf, but immediately after—when the wind shifts and the water starts to clear and calm down—is a good time to fish.

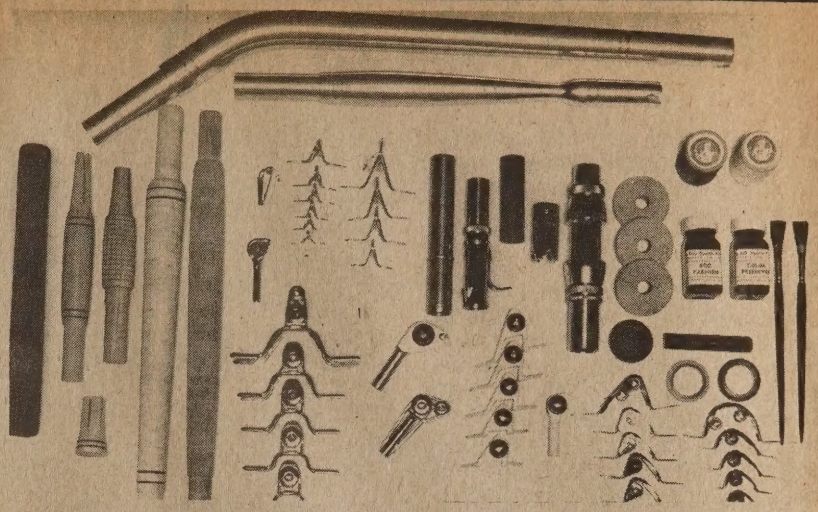
Besides channel bass, you might also run into schools of big bluefish during the late fall months. In past years they have been caught in October, November, December and at times, into January and February. it all depends of the severity of winter weather. They may show anywhere along the Outer Banks, but in past years the stretch from Kitty Hawk to Hatteras Inlet has been the best. Fishing from the piers for blues is often better than from the beach itself.

you can frequently locate blues by looking for gulls working over them or by seeing the fish breaking. They chase the bait fish right into the surf. Then you can cast popping plugs or metal squids or Hopkins lures into them. If the water is discolored you can try fishing with cut fish bait on a bottom rig. Rather heavy surf tackle is best, since the blues often run up to 18 or 20 pounds, and you also need a stiff rod to cast the heavy lures way out.

During this same period you may also run into some striped bass, which come in to feed during the late fall and winter months. For years they thought that stripers wouldn't hit lures, even though they were present by the thousands and commercial men netted them each winter. Then they started using live bunkers, popping and under water plugs and metal lures when the bass were feeding in close, and they began to score. Here again, timing is very important and you have to be down on the beach when the stripers are actively feeding.

Still another great sport fish which can often be caught from the surf in North Carolina during the late fall and winter months is the southern weakfish or sea trout. Although they don't run as big as the stripers or even the blues—usually from a couple of pounds up to six or eight pounds, they put up a good fight if you use your lightest surf tackle. Many anglers prefer to use one-handed spinning or bait-casting rods for these fish. They'll hit underwater plugs, spoons and jigs.

Got nothing to do for a week in the next few months? Man, follow the fish to warmer climes. I think you'll really be excited about the area and the fishing!



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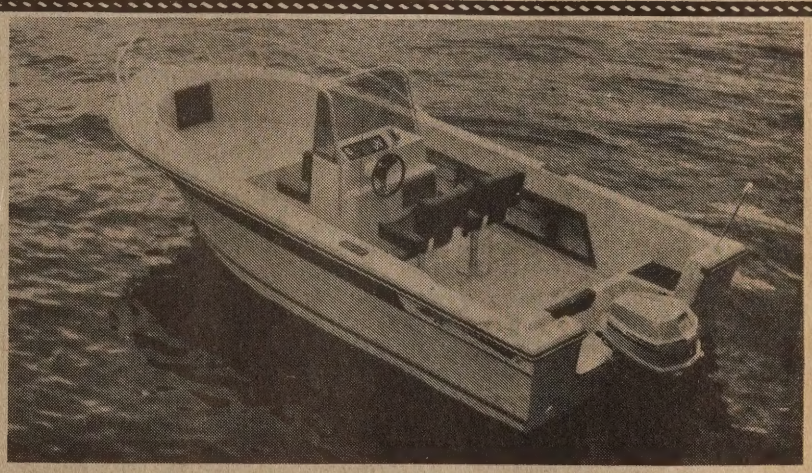

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Haul Seining

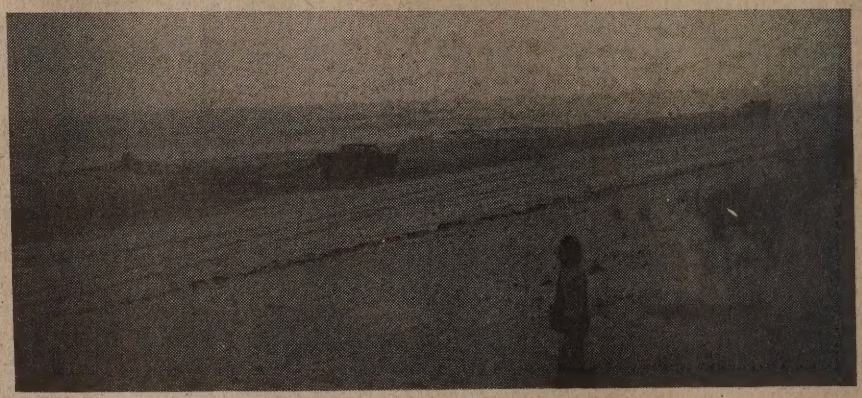
by Rich Reina

Last Labor Day weekend I spent a few days at Montauk with my family on a little vacation. No fishing trip; a rest and relaxation thing. Of course I took along my casting rods, just in case something happened.

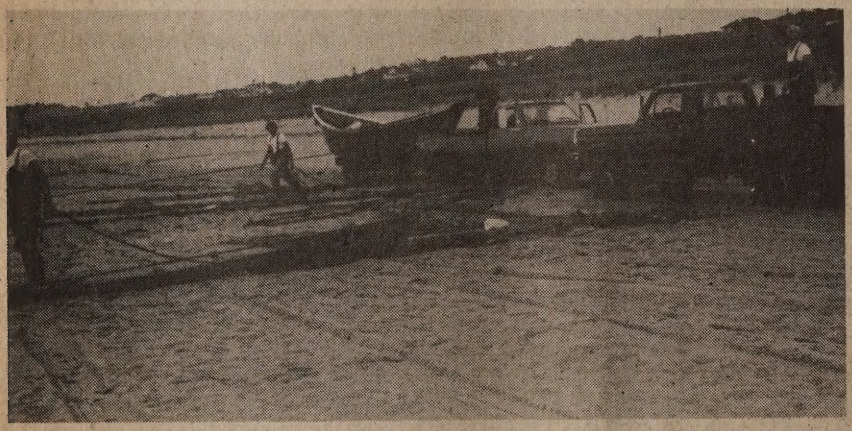
The cabin we rented was just west of town, on Old Montauk Highway, and from the porch of the cabin I could see down to the water. A bit further west of this area was a sand bar about 300 feet off the beach. Between sandbar and beach was a deep trough, and appeared to me to be a very likely spot. I fished that spot every morning and every evening for the next three days. I even tried chunking a hunk of clam out there one afternoon. Never got a touch. On the fourth morning I awoke about 5 a.m. Since I was up, I thought I might as well try again.

As dawn broke, I noticed some excited birds working over the very same hole I had been trying for the last three days. I hustled down to the beach and found what you see in the following sequence of photos:

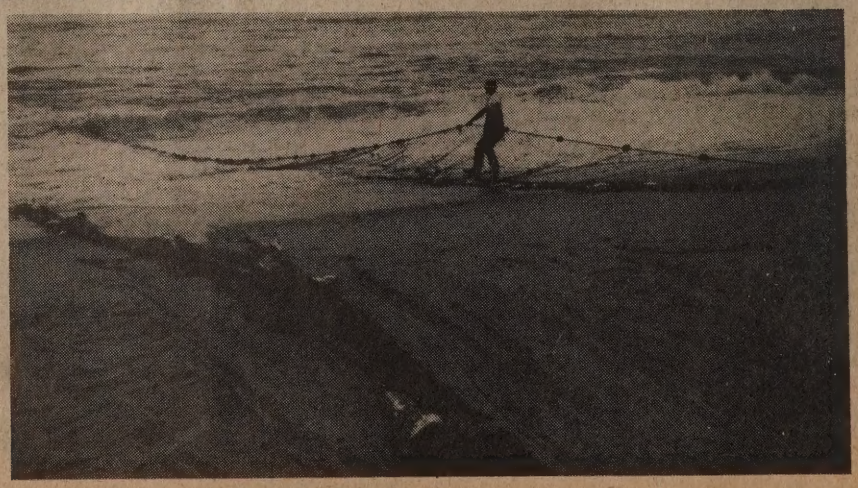
Just think, I fished that very spot for three days and never got touched. I would have wagered that net was going to come in empty. Incidentally, while I was talking to one of the workers, I asked why he set the net in that particular area. He advised me that they knew all the locations along the beach that hold fish. He also advised me that this was a likely spot because of the offshore bar and the deep trough.



Two pick-up trucks were used to set a net up on beach, each truck having one end of the net attached to it. This net was spread by a double-ended boat, trailered behind the furthest truck, which is launched in the surf. A large circle was made with the net, then the actual haul was made with the trucks.



As the haul was being made, the two trucks worked their way closer and closer together, until they were nose to nose.



Fish were tangled all along the net. One of the workers assisted, while the trucks' winches were pulling.

As the net was pulled into the beach, untangled fish were forced into the pocket at the end.

The pocket was opened, the catch spilled out. Note the large bass the worker was lifting.

The catch was then loaded into a third pick-up.

This photo was made of the bed of the truck loaded with fish. The catch consistedof bluefish of 2 to 3 pounds, striped bass ranging in size from 2 lb. up to 40 lb. (there were three large bass from 30 to 40 lb.). A Florida jack and several rays were also included in the catch. The third truck then headed for one of the fish shippers at Montauk, where the catch was to be sorted and boxed for the market. While the third truck was transporting the fish, the two other trucks were back on the beach, repeating the entire procedure.

SWINGING BRIDGE BASS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

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Capt Richard Rade of the **Marlin III** said they are still fishing the Block Island area with excellent results. A few codfish are mixed in with the catches of seabass and porgies, which are all medium and "humpback" in size. The Marlin III will continue to fish this area as long as the good fishing continues.

Capt. Charlie Nappi of the **Sea Witch** said that bass are still excellent but taper off on the weekend because of boat traffic. The Pollack Rip at outgoing tide is producing medium bass, school bass on the south side. Plenty of meduim bass in the morning at the rips at the Midway Buoy. Bluefish moved in there at the end of the incoming water and were being taken 5 at a time on umbrella rigs. Al Ristori of Garcia took five 30 lb class bass at night. Umbrella rigs are best, switch to bucktails or parachut rigs when the fishing slows. Sharks great offshore but nobody going for them. One private boat boated a 225 lb. mako, dropped another, landed seven blue sharks and had a reel stripped by something big.

Capt John Sweetman of the **Ebb Tide** said that the bass are very good but taper off on the weekend. Bluefish are mixed in with the bass, but they are loaded to the gills with baitfish so they should be moving out soon. Good as the bass fishing is, Capt. Sweetman looks for a further improvement when the blues leave. The water temperature is still an unbelievable 59 degrees, the same it was in early July. Fish are hitting through both tides, with an occasional codfish coming in. Umbrella's standard, bucktails and hoola-rigs when things slow.

The **Viking Star** fished a recently discovered wreck over the weekend and had excellent results. Huge pollack in the upper thirties including a couple of possible record fish were mixed in with big cod up to 52 pounds. Cod are taking skimmer clams while the pollack are hitting diamond jigs. Everybody had plenty of fish.

Freddie Shay of **Freddie's Tackle Shop** reports the beaches on the south side are very good. Ditch Plains and environs are producing bass of 4-6 lbs., with occasional 20-30 pounders on Hopkins, all tides and times of day. Watch for the birdies. There's an abundance of sand eels in the water.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** said that the large flounder action was good during the

George Szybillo, striped bass, 10-year-old Drew Conray, bluefish, Robert Conray, codfish—all part of a mixed bag of bass, blues, cod, sea bass, blackfish and fluke taken on the Viking Skipper at Montauk. All fish were taken jigging and squidding with diamond jigs, no bait!

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week and was very encouraging, but fell flat on its face for the weekend. Saturday was bad and Sunday was worse. Action earlier in the week took place at the bell buoy east of the station and in Tobaccolot Bay. Fishing should bounce back with the flounder moving in closer to the fish factory and hold up until the end of the month.

SAG HARBOR

Helen Jacobsen of **Noyac Marina** said one of the trailered boats caught some flounder at Noyac Creek. A lot of these are throwbacks. Try using scallop guts for chum and bloodworms for bait. The Noyac Marina will be open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and weekends from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

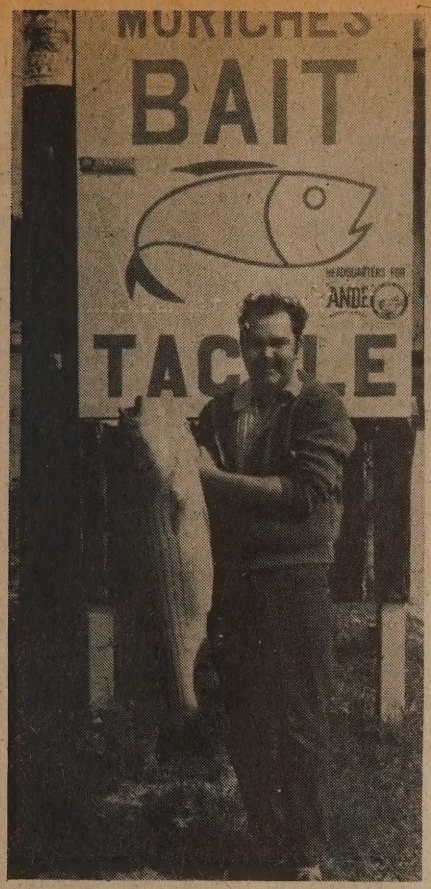
HAMPTON BAYS

The **Capt. Clark** boats are both fishing wrecks in Peconic Bay for blackfish and are having excellent catches. On Saturday, David Dorf had 32 blacks up to 7 lbs. Fiddlers and green crabs fished during either moving current do the trick. Capt. Clark said that the flounder are still small but should show a steady improvement.

Frank's Fishing Station reports fair flounder fishing, spotty at times 30 per boat was average for the weekend, in the 1 lb. class. Best at the Coast Guard Station and Green Lawn on bloodworms and corn chum, on an incoming tide.

MORICHES BAY

Ben at **Tadsen's Fishing Station** tells of loads of blue claws in the deeper channels, around buoys #29, 30 and 27, in traps and on drop lines. Flounder are spotty with some boats



Hank Neilson of Shirley with the 22 lb. bass he took on a Fiord Spoon in Moriches.

doing very well. Try Buoy 42 and 44 with bloods and mussel chum. All tides are working. Cooler water should make things even better.

Ramona at **Sillt Lilly Fishing Staion** tells us that those chummed during the week had good catches of flounder, though in general, its spotty. Bloodworms and mussels gave 40-45 fish to a few boats, with 20 fish to a boat more common. Try Haven's Point and buoy #42 on in and on the flats. All moving water is good. Colder water will mean bigger catches.

Bob Cole at **Moriches Bait & Tackle** reports a lot of jumbo blues off the beaches from Moriches Inlet on west on eels, bass occasionally. Blues in water up to 50-60 feet fro boaters, on trolled tubes and spoons. On Wednesday nite, 7 p.m., Bill Cody took a striper from the beach, 35 lbs., on a live eel. Sand eels are in the water. Big snappers are in the bay. Flounder are hot and cold on bloods. There is still good blackfishing off the jettys on green and fiddler crabs.

MASTIC BEACH

Flounders are spotty but picking up said Ronnie at **Keenan's Fishing Station.** They are still chumming certain areas so ask about where. The flounders are of fair size and taking bloodworms and skimmer clams. At present the flats seem to be better fishing than the channels. The channels though hold a lot of crabs for those who have traps.

WEST SAYVILLE

Dick Yonda at the **American Sportsman Shop** said the flounder catches are fair on Heckscher flats. Blood worms and clams on the moving tides is best. Bunker spoon trolling west of Fire Island inlet brings in an occasional 30 pound plus bass. East of the inlet red surgical tubes have produced some striped bass but few big ones. Morning or evening tides are best.

Young's Fishing Station in Sayville reports the Wade family loaded upon flounders at Heckscher by buoy 3 and 4. Using worms and fishing the running tide they caught fish up to 3 lbs. The top hook of a double hook rig was the one taking all the flounders. Dudley Young said the Watch Hill area and the marker buoys off Browns River also have plenty of flounders that run to 1½ lbs. These are being taken on worms also.

CAPTREE

Capt. George Roman of the **Captree Queen** said that flounder fishing is still slow but the fish are getting larger. Fish can be found on the Babylon flats, Islip flats and in the State Channel. Bloodworms produce on all tides.

Capt. C. Bauer of the **Capt. Whittaker** reported poor flounder action on Saturday and fair or

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Orange of Farmingdale took ¾ of a bushel of flounder in Hart's Cove, Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

Tom Leitz and Ronald Raynor drifted live eels in the mouth of Moriches Inlet to take these 3 bass of 32, 29 and 28 lbs. recently. Action was at night.

Sunday. Average catch is 8 to 15 fish per man with few throwbacks. Bloodworms fished during moving water, ebb or flood, around Robert Moses Bridge and the State Channel off gilgo. Capt. Bauer said the fishing should improve as the water cools.

Capt. Richie Westerlind of the **Capt. Richie** said that the average catch per man is running about twenty ½ to ¾ lb. flounder. Fish are all over the bay with no particular hotspot, but its a good pick all day on moving water both tides.

John Levy of Brooklyn started fishing with live eels on a fish finder rig at Cedar beach at 5:30 a.m. where he struck out. he then went to Field 9 where again he did not score. Now late in the morning with the tide going out he got a hit. About 12 minutes later he had a big striped bass on the beach that was weighed at the Jones Beach Bait Station as 57 lbs. and 2 oz.

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Big bluefish 10 to 14 pounds offshore, according to Augie Principe of **Augie's Bait & Tackle**. The wreck of the San Diago is producing these bluefish. Chum and fish a chunk of butterfish or mackerel deep. Flounder very good all tides on bloodworms in the State Channel and Babylon Cut. Fish are ¾ to 1 pound and increasing in quantity with few trowbacks. Blackfishing poor and fading. Bunker spoons trolled in 30 to 35 feet of water at Cedar Beach west of Gilgo producing two bluefish for every bass. No news all week from the surf. For those who want blue claw crabs use a trap in the State Channel, but hurry up. Augie figures two more weeks at best then wait 'til next year.

Charlie's Fishing Station reports good flounder activity at Fox Creek and in the East/West Channel. Nice fish, bloodworms, any tide.

LINDENHURST

Duke's Tackle Shop told us that on Thursday night Bob Maynes of Massapequa Park fished Cedar Beach and caught a 45 lb. striped bass. Returning to the same spot on Friday night he picked up another bass of 33 lbs. Both of these were taken at high tide. On the same night Bob Murray also of Massapequa Park took a 32 lb. bass on a Rebel swimmers on the incoming tide. Other than those striped bass fishing has slowed somewhat. Flounder fishing is picking up with some of the better spots being the north side of the buoy off Good Sam Hospital, east of Captree Bridge and off Bay Shore. The flounders are nice and fat of about ¾ to 1 lb. and are taking bloodworms or clams. Chumming with ground clams or mussels makes for more productive fishing.

Duke also added that John Fritz and George Wade fished the same general area as above with live eels. John had a 33 lbs. bass while George had one 31 lbs. and another of 45 lbs. These were taken Sunday night on high outgoing water. These men said that others along the beach were also having good success.

Charles Folz of West Islip, using a live eel, took a 22 lb. striper at high water at Cedar Beach Sunday nite at 9 p.m. The water is reportedly loaded with shinners.

AMITYVILLE

Marie Combs of **George Combs Bait & Tackle** said that Rudy Radl took 90 flounder, all keepers, in Snake Creek off West Island. Fish hit bloodworms thru all tides. Rudy used scallop guts for chum, which George has in supply. Three bass 29½ to 33 pounds taken from the surf at Tobay and Oa Beach were weighed in during the week. All were taken on Live eels, small bass in the same areas. Big blues and bass are taking the huge John Sekora tubes, colors red and white, trolled off the beaches in 30 feet of water. The white tube is particularly hot right now.

SEAFORD

Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station said there are plenty of small flounders the trick is to find the big ones. Mussels for chum and bait is scarce so switch to clam chum and dyed clams. Blackfishing is declining in the bay with the best spots at any of the Meadowbrook or Wantagh bridges and along the rocks past the Coast Guard Station.

Lon Wanser Bait & Tackle said live eels wer scoring well in the early morning for the shore bound striped bass angler. Arnold Greenburg of Massapequa had one at Field 9 weighing in at 43 lbs. on Sunday. Early Saturday Ed Scanlon of Bay

Charles "Charlie Tuna" Knausman of Lindenhurst took these bass of 42 and 35 pounds on a live eel and baby blackfish from the beach at the River near the old lighthouse. Photo courtesy of Augie's Bait & Tackle.

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Bill Buxton of Levittown took this 47 pound bass on 12 lb. test line on a live eel at Cedar-Overlook. The fish was weighed in at the Oak Beach eneral Store and Causeway. Bait & Tackle.

Bob Ferno, Paula Katsch and John Levitt took these 4 bass 25 to 30 pounds caught on the "Kim" and Lupo Bunker Spoons trolled off Gilgo Beach.

Shore took a 25 pounder near the Sore thumb drifting an eel from a boat. Bob Marcel and Ernie Sulle took three big ones trolling bunker spoons off Lido Beach late Sunday night. Lon said the Massapequa shores was very good for flounder fishing. Bloodworms are the bait.

WANTAGH

Frank at **Causeway Bait & Tackle** tells of a 44 lb. striper at Field 9 on Saturday by Mike Costello on an eel. Norm Goodman of Wantagh had a 41 pounder on an eel on Saturday, also Field 9. This bass had 12 eels in him when opened up. All times of day and all tides, gentlemen, for these lunkers. "Big Mike" Marchulitus has been doing very well on flounder at the Wantagh Park dock. On Thursday, he got 32 on bloodworms of high water.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports a 46½ lb. bass caught by Bob Weisz and Sid Hansen on the "Jay Runs" on Saturday. This was in 32' of water in front of Gilgo on a trolled rigged eel. Also on Saturday a surge tube trolled by Frank Southard, took a 35 pounder off Gilgo. Jeff Tobins weighed in a 42½ lb. bass taken on a tube, Saturday off Gilgo, from Dyman's "Pelican". Very good flounder fishing off Merrick. On Saturday between the 2 channel markers just south of the Texaco sign at the end of Nicks dock, Tom and Francis Raponi had 50 flounder 1-1¼ lbs. on clam. No Chum. High incoming and high outgoing. Flatties are really all over the bay and Broad Creek.

L.I.F. staffer Stu Miller and daughter Lisa cleaned up on flounder on Sunday at Whaleneck Point, about 100' South of the 2 channel markers on bloods, the whole outgoing tide. The flounder are not big, but are fat. Yum-yum!

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

Capt. Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al** said that the fishing Saturday was fabulous with a mixed bag of big blackfish, porgies and seabass with a few cod, ling and blues thrown in. As the water temperature drops, fish moving in and out are passing each other. This is all wreck action. Sunday was only so-so. Skimmers, green crabs and conch for blackfish up to nine pounds and cod up to ten.

Capt Spider Schmidt of the **Aloma II** reported very good fishing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with a down turn on Sunday. Small seabass, blackfish 3 to 3½ lbs. and 1 lb. porgies Saturday. A different wreck on Sunday produced fewer fish but larger blacks to 7 lbs. and big seabass but smaller porgies. All fish taking skimmer clam baits.

Capt. Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** called it a very good weekend for big blues on the Cholera Banks. Blues 15 and 16 lbs. with the smallest fish going 8 lbs. and average catches of 5 to 20 fish per man makes for the best action this season, but there is a lack of interest by fishermen. The Starstream II will be fishing for cod and blackfish starting this weekend.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports excellent flounder catches coming out of Broad Creek. Bill Hayward, James Richardson and Tyrone Eddy, all from Roosevelt, took 125 keepers. They used clam for chum and clam and bloodworms for bait. Top of the incoming tide was best. Average fish was ¾ lb. with a few to 1¼ lbs. Jim Gibel and friends fished the same area and took 68 nice flounders using skimmer clams for both bait and chum. Chumming is a MUST for good results. No blackfish news.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed Wardle of **Ed's Fishing Station** said that they are doing very well with flounder in Middle Bay, Sea Dog Creek, the Coast Guard Station and swift creek. Incoming water is best with bloodworms and whatever you can dig up for chum. Fish average ½ to 1½ lbs. with plenty of throwbacks but boats still average 50 to 75 keepers. Blackfish up to 6 pounds, average 2 to 4, are at the Meadowbrook Bridge. Incoming water best and the fishing is excellent if you fisnd the right span to fish under. Green crabs and fiddlers.

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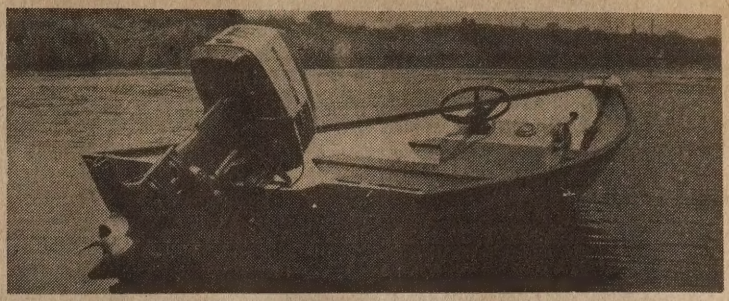

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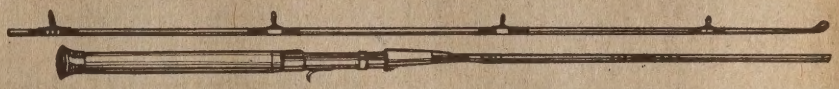

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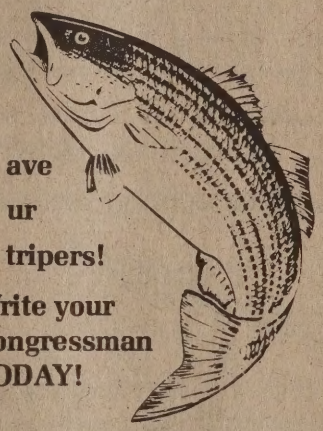

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ATLANTIC BEACH

Very good flounder fishing from Bannister Creek at the Atlantic beach Bridge east of Woodmere Channel, say reports out of **Henning's Fishing Station**. Top of the flood through the first half of outgoing water is most productive. Bloodworms and chum. Blackfish good at the Atlantic Beach Bridge, Beach 9th Street, Silver Point Jetty and the reef at buoy 4. Fiddler crabs on moving water, wait it out. bass and blues trolling bunker spoons and plugs from Lido to Long Beach. Outgoing water best, all scoring with a few fish in low 20's to 30's. 14-year-old Mike Blumlein trolled tow fish off Lido on the Four Daughters on Friday, a 19¾ lb. bluefish and a 31 lb. bass. No news from the surf.

Capt Ron Lepper of the **Kim** called to report very good striper action off Gilgo until Wednesday. Then the moon caused the eel grass to do evil things to all anglers. Jersey on Friday was very good for large stripers, so we can see that the fish are moving. Saturday & Sunday were fair, but mainly for schoolie bass. Huge blues to 20 lbs. were off the Highlands, but were gone by Sunday. Some bass of Long Beacg in 50'-60' water Sunday on umbrellas and larger bass on spoons.

JAMAICA BAY

John Brando at **Cross Bay Rod & Gun** tells us that flounder are to be found just about all over Jamiaca Bay, with no genuine "hot spots". Try Silver Hole, which is east of the trestle over Broad Channel, with bloodworms around high tide. Blacks on fiddlers along the rock jettys at Rockaway and the Marine Parkway Bridge.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Dom Palermo of the **Mary** said there is good porgy and blackfishing off the Tin Can Grounds and the Riis Park Bridge. Nice blackfish of 3 and 4 pounds are taking green crabs on both tides. Skimmer clams are taking porgies. Capt. Dom said there are no real stripers around yet for diamond jigging.

Capt. Tom of the **Pilot II** reports good blackfishing every day but Sunday. Fish of good size are taking green crabs on all tides off the Jersey Coast.

Capt Jim of the **Amberjack IV** said that they had a fantastic special wreck trip this weekend. Between 600 and 700 fish were taken, with loads of pollack to 40 lbs. and many 25 lbs. and big codfish 8 to 30 lbs. Diamond jigs,

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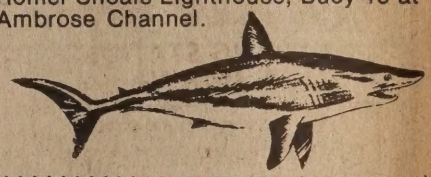
Neil of **Stella Maris Tackle** said they caught bass all Sunday at the Tin Can Grounds. Umbrella rigs with dark colors worked best. The fish are not in a solid body yet and most of them are around 8 or 10 lbs. The biggest was 38 lbs. The party boats had some blues at the Cholera Grounds. Plenty of blackfish locally along the rocky shores. The blacks are taken mostly in the morning on fiddler or green crabs. Flounders are picky but best at Sheepshead Bay, Gerritsen Beach or the Canarsie Pier.

STATEN ISLAND

Lennie at **Santos Sports Shop** reports Penny Beach at the foot of Highland Avenue and Cliff Street, on outgoing tide are producing some small stripers on bucktails and worms. Also, Great Kills Park beach, same thing, except here best is incoming water. All hours. Try the Great Kills rock jetty and harbor for small blacks on fiddlers, flounder on worms.

Boaters are taking blues 14-16 lbs. and occasional bass on Bingle Gorillas at West Bank Lighthouse, Romer Shoals Lighthouse, Buoy 13 at Ambrose Channel.



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GREENPORT

The **A.P. White Bait Shop** informs us that the **Brand X** is mohawking stripers and blues in the Plum Gut, the Race and east of the Ruins. The open boat **Wilheric** is murdering 3-10 lb. blackfish at Gull Island and Plum Island. There is also good blackfishing in the sound, at the Greenport jetty and docks on fiddler and green crabs, all tides.

Castes are taking blacks from Trumans Beach to Orient, and in the evenings, stripers on poppering and swimming plugs. "Now is the greatest time of the year for fishing Greenport;" says Art. Flounder 1-3 lbs. at Orient on worm and skimmers, all tides.

SOUTHOLD

Peter Lieblein at the **Port of Eqypt Fishing Station** reports very good black fishing at Mulford Point and in Petty's Bight. Tony Loperfido and George Dingfelder waited out the turn of the tide and caught 2½ bushels of blacks. They used green crabs and fished outgoing water. they had a lot of 6 & 7 lb. fish and one 9 lb. black. The Orient Point Lighthouse is very good on incoming water for blacks. Some 2 and 3 pound codfish have been taken in the Pettys Bight area on clams. Flounder fishing is best off the traps on the south side.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. marty's Fishing Station reports blacks being caught north of buoy 23. For bait use fiddler and green crabs on the incoming tide. Flounder are scattered throughout the bay. Any moving tide is O.K. and either worms, mussels or clams for bait is good.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Dick's Sporting Goods said there were rumors of good striped bass trolling with bucktails or jigging at Middle Grounds. Some bass to 30 lbs. have been taken at the Lilco plany in Shoreham using worms or eels. Blackfishing is static with many small fish under 4 lbs. but not too many lunkers of over 8 lbs. Fiddlers or worms fished on the incoming and the first two hours of the outgoing tide is best. Try Miller Place, Sound beach or Rocky Point. Flounders of ½ to ¾ lb. are in the harbor taking worms, clams or mussels.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station reports blacks still at Old Field Poin and the West Jetty. They are taking green crabs and the outgoing tide is best but try any moving tide. Some flounders small and fat at the entrance to Setauket Harbor and in Conscience Bay. Casting poppers at Crane's Neck, Old Field Point or from White Beach in the early morning or at dusk has taken some schooly bass of 3 to 7 lbs.

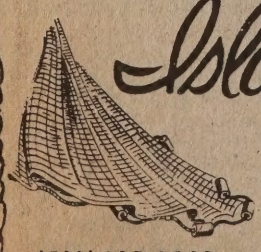
NORTHPORT

"Blackfish" says Mort at **Larkfield Sports** are to be found at any rockl pile on green crab and fiddlers. Not now is area between buoy 13 and 11B off Etons Neck. Fish are 3-8 lbs., with 5 lbs. an average. Bracket the high 2 hours on either side.

HUNTINGTON

George Valentine at **Four Winds Tackle Shop** was raving about the blackfishing at Buoy //B off Etons Neck. Fish are 2-10 lbs. from this rocky bottom, in water 45'-60' in depth. Green crab for the bigger fish, fiddlers for the "runts". All tides. School bass (many) at buoy 13 on black and white umbrellas at the Etons Neck rip. Al Mott off Knutson's Marine landed a 42 lb. striper in the rip off Etons Neck, on an amber Sekora tube, Friday night. Several bass in the 20's taken in the same area. Flounder (a lot) in Lloyd Harbor, Duck Island Inlet and all harbors on sands, all tides. Blacks are there for casters from the Sand city Beach on worm.

Capt. Don Constantin of the **Ever-Ready Fleet** reports that the Commack High School North group headed by Jeanette Klilyzewski had a very successful flounder fishing trip. he fished in the Sound west of Huntington Bay. To finish up the trip he found another heavy producing blackfish area. There he used up one 300 green crabs. They loaded up on blacks at the cost of several lost or broken rods and reels.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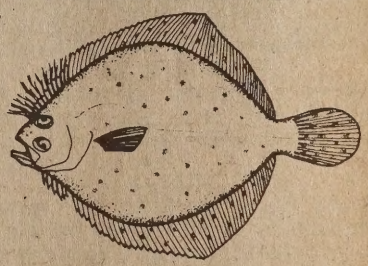
COLD SPRING HARBOR

Veterans Fishing Station reports blacks at Whitewood Point on Fiddler and green crabs, 4-10 lbs., incoming tide best. Porgies same place, on worm and clam, incoming tide. Flounder in the harbor on sandworm, incoming water.

CITY ISLAND

Jack at **Jack's Bait & Tackle** says lots of blacks at Pea Island Reef, Execution Rock area in 18' of water on fiddlers and green crab, any moving water. Nice flounder at Eastchester Bay, ¾-1 lb. fish on worms. School bass at Hart's Island 3 hrs. each side if the high, worms and plugs (Rebels) Jim Hewitz took a 54 lb. striper on trolled Rebel off Harts Island. No details.

Johns Gun & Tackle reports great blackfishing at Mattinicock, Oyster Bay, Smithtown, Etons Neck, Stratford, Larchmont and Rye—in short, any place you find rocky areas. Use green crab and fiddlers. The New Rochelle docks are producing flounder too.



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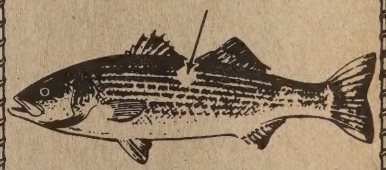


Sport fishermen are being asked to collect scale samples from striped bass for a research project initiated by the Striped Bass Fund, Inc. Taken from the area indicated by arrow; above the lateral line, between the hard and soft dorsal fins; the scales will assist in determining spawning areas of this important game fish.

Three to ten scales together with exact fork length of the fish, location and date of capture are required. If the fish is to be released, three scales are requested—ten scales from fish to be kept. Scales should be sent to: Dr. C. P. Goodyear, Environmental Science Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37840.

NEW JERSEY Fishing Report

SNADY HOOK

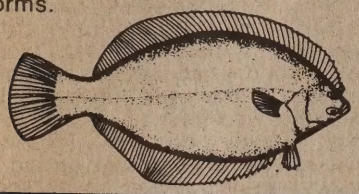
Flounder are starting to show up on blood and sandworms. Trophy blues at Shrewsbury Rocks on cut bait. Bass at the State Park on worms and swimming plug.

SEABRIGHT

Bass action at Fort hancock, with very little action elsewhere.

MONMOUTH BEACH

Fort Hancock bassing confirmed. Surface swimmers are the thing. Leonardo is producing bass on worms.



CONNECTICUT SCENE

NEW ROCHELLE

Blacks are active all over, with flounders fair. Blues are around but deep, taking tubes trolled on wire.

RYE

A big blackfish, 15¾ lbs., made news here tis week. Smaller ones and flounder are all over the area. Blues and bass are hiding.

WHITE PLAINS

Blackfish make news here too. Blues are missing, and bass are spotty.

GREENWICH

Bass are picking up here with blackfish and flounder providing most of the action.

BYRAM

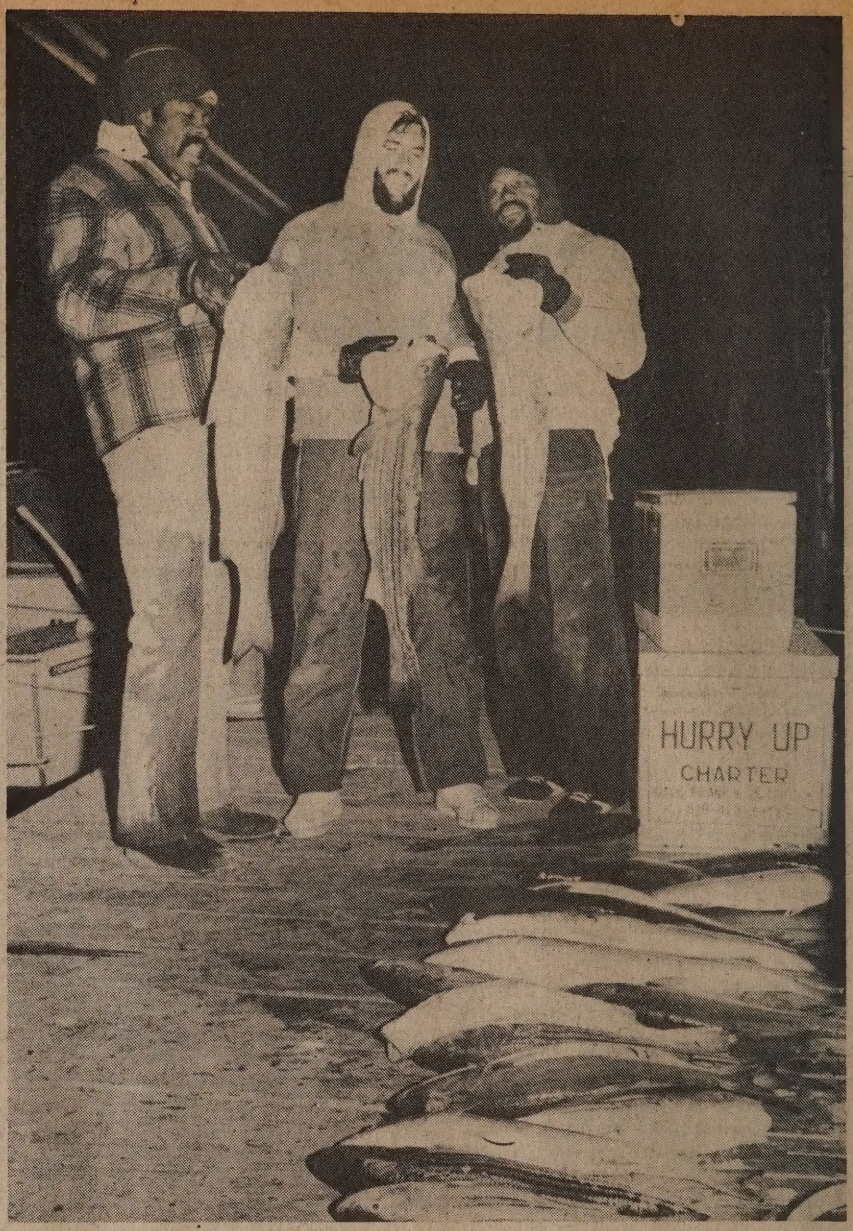
Blacks anywhere you can find a rock pile, and flounder inside the harbor. A little searching can bring in some bass on drifted worms try Manursing Island.

STAMFORD

Schoolie bass are turning up here and there. Flounder in Cove Harbor and blackfish taking green crabs at Sound Ref and The Cows.

NORWALK

Diamond jigging in deeper water has produced blues and scattered bass. Black and flounder are in strong. School bass all around the Norwalk Islands.



Rich Caster, mark Lomas and Earl Thomas, of the New York jets, took on the Montauk Stripers. Coached by Frank Braddick and the "Hurry Up," they played a dusk and night game. Most of the plays were behind the boat, big plug, wire line play, which the stripers fell for each time. The game was called by referee Dick Mermon when the tide clock ran out. Final score was New York Jets 20, Montauk Stripers 0.

WESTPORT

Blues at Compo and Southport on bait. Blackfish and flats are really strong.

STRATFORD

Hot blackfishing around the breakwater with fair flounder and bass at The Gun Club. Lots of bunker up the river with some bluefish action in the early morning.

MILFORD

Good school bass action near Gulf beach with poppers scoring. Blues are taking cut bait in the same area. Blacks and flounders at buoy 12, Charles Island and the mouth of the Housatonic.

WEST HAVEN

Blacks and flounder in abundance, try any rockpile. Blues and bass make things interesting.

NEW HAVEN

Blackfishing is great. Fish from 4 to 12 pounds are taking green crabs at Six Mile Reef, buoy 10A, and the breakwaters. Bass action at Morningside, Milford, and the lighthouse breakwater. Trolled worms with spinners is the ticket.

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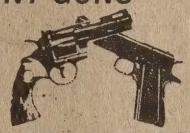
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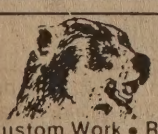
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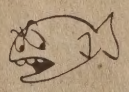
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HATTERAS REPORT
By
Ken Lauer

Several days of really bad weather did little to improve the fishing, or for that matter, the tempers of the fishermen. A howling nor' easter stayed with us for six days and kept fishing to a minimum. Even so, there were a respectable number of fish taken, mostly big Blues, (10 to 15) some puppy drum, and surprisingly enough, a fair number of fluke. I did notice an upswing in the number of Kingies taken this week. Most likely the cold spell will hustle the critters away from their summer feeding grounds and we should see a dramatic increase in the little fellas no later than next weekend.

As usually happens, the pier jockeys had a field day during the heavy weather. Avon pier scored heavily on the Channel Bass with nine over fifty pounds and many breakoffs. It takes a hardy soul to stand on the end of a pier with thirty to forty knot winds howling down the beach. Add a driving rain and low temperatures, and you've got really miserable conditions. That's the kind of stuff Channel Bass adore.

Surf fishing will improve steadily. More big Blues will make their way into the Hatteras surf, with peak fishing probably occuring in late November and December. At this stage that prediction is just a guess. Continuing cold weather could bring the bulk of the fish much sooner. Looks like another good fall and winter for fluke. Lots now and more to come. Stripers? They'll be here but I'm not prepared to say just when. We'll keep you informed.

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Some officials in government and industry have recommended licensing, bag limits and uniform coast-wide control of sports fishermen, claiming these will insure the future of salt water fishing. These and other regulatory measures will be the subject of the **Second Al Reinfelder Memorial Lectures**, to be presented **November 30, 1974**, by the **Striped Bass Fund, Inc.** If you have an opinion or simply want to hear more about these proposals, come and hear leaders in government agencies and representatives of utilities express their views on the subject.

On November 30th, the Second Annual Al Reinfelder Memorial Lectures will cover both sides of these controversies. The program will include presentation of the Al Reinfelder Memorial Awards for outstanding efforts in the protection of Striped Bass Fisheries.

The afternoon "How To" session will feature some of the east coast's best fishermen, showing how they use flies, spoons, tubes and their own special skills in surf casting or trolling to improve their fishing success. The program will be presented at the Cardinal Hayes Auditorium, College of Mount Saint Vincent, 263rd Street and Riverdale Avenue, Riverdale, New York, starting at 10:00 a.m. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

For further information contact: Rod Vandivert, Striped Bass Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 501, Babylon, New York 11702 Phone: (516) 587-3811.

CLAMMING-UP

The Town of Islip on Long Island is improving its shell fishing through a comprehensive management program which includes seeding immature clams in local waters; transplanting clams from polluted waters into healthful waters of the town; and appointing a shellfish management commission to set policy and initiate clean up of the bay.

In order to finance the management program, the town raised clamming fees from $10 to $100, but made them payable quarterly in order not to adversely affect those who clam part-time or only during the summer. Personal permits to clam up to a half-bushel for private use are $5, and clammers under 15 years of age can buy a six-month permit for $10.

Town officials expect the new permit system to finance about a third of the total shellfish management program. The program will result in 18,600 additional bushels of clams which can be harvested this year. NewYork State Environment, Vol. 4, No. 3.

SARDINES: A FISH OF THE PAST?

The world's sardine fisheries are dwindling fast because of over fishing,according to a recent report in Audubon Magazine. The large sardine fishery one found near Great Britain is dead, and populations off the coasts of Maine, Canada and California are steadily declining.

The magazine advocating closing certain fishing areas while sardines are spawning because the fish gather in the largest numbers and are most susceptible to fishermen's nets during that time.

The future looks dim for the little fish, however, because few governments seem interested in sardine conservation programs, the magazine said. Reprinted from New York State Environment, Vol. 14, No. 3.

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

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Mon.	1:35	**8:10**	2:05	**8:35**
Tues.	2:20	**9:00**	2:50	**9:25**
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went to Bob DeRosa with a 13½ lbs. bluefish.

Just one more thing before closing: I feel special recognition should be given to Capt. Mike Fay and his mate because they surely are a credit to their fellow captains and members of the Boatmans Association.

Keep up the good work on the L.I. Fisherman. I remain a very satisfied reader. **Joe Rella, Bronx, N.Y.**

We're pleased to print good things that happen, though the editor has a reputation for being a bad guy when it comes to publishing praise. Just so this image is not lost — we've got a stack of "bad captain" letters that will be forwarded to the culprits.

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	SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
11/7 THURSDAY	1:11	1:29	2:47	3:09	4:27	4:56	4:39	5:03
11/8 FRIDAY	2:15	2:33	3:53	4:18	5:54	6:30	5:42	6:09
11/9 SATURDAY	3:19	3:39	4:52	5:21	7:12	7:46	6:43	7:10
11/10 SUNDAY	4:20	4:41	5:48	6:20	8:11	8:45	7:39	8:09
11/11 MONDAY	5:13	5:34	6:39	7:12	9:04	9:38	8:32	9:03
11/12 TUESDAY	6:03	6:24	7:28	8:00	9:53	10:27	9:24	9:53
11/13 WEDNESDAY	6:48	7:07	8:15	8:46	10:38	11:11	10:10	10:39
11/14 THURSDAY	7:30	7:51	8:59	9:32	11:19	11:53	10:55	11:25

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
(Inlet,Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0 00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

PHASES OF THE MOON

11/14	11/21	11/29	11/7
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0. 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

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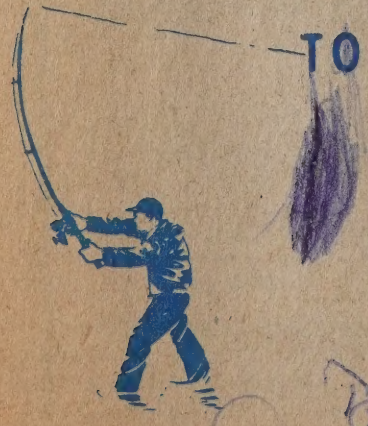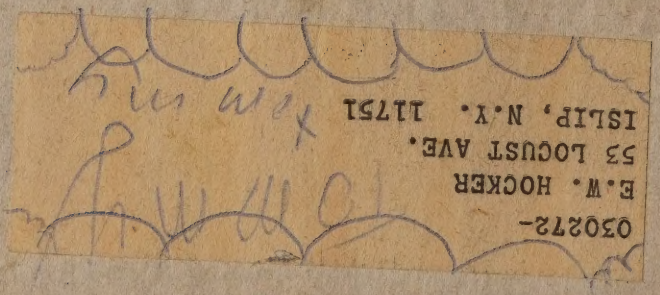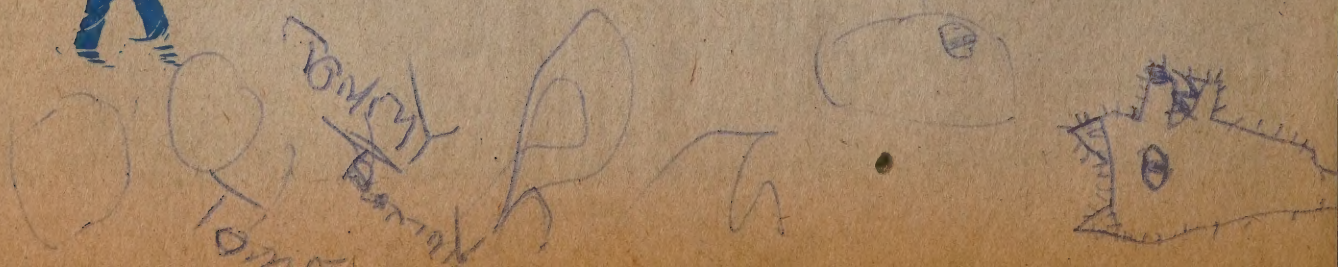
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